

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application:

Claims 1-8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (currently amended): A method for providing an interface for accessing home devices in a network, the method comprising the steps of:

creating a device link page for access to graphical or textual information in one or more devices currently connected to the network, wherein the device link page contains one or more device buttons each associated with a device currently connected to the network;

associating a hyper-text link with each device button, wherein the hyper-text link provides a link to graphical or textual information contained in the device that is associated with the device button; and

displaying the device link page on a display device,
wherein said network is a home network, and wherein the display device is part of a control device of the home network, and wherein the control device is separate from the one or more devices currently connected to the network.

Claim 10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (previously presented): The method of claim 9, wherein said graphical or textual information is in a form of a web page or an html page.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The method of claim 9, wherein said display device is a browser-based display device.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The method of claim 9, wherein the step of creating the device link page includes the steps of:

- retrieving a logical device name from a device list file;
- storing the logical device name in the device link page; and
- converting the logical device name to a device button.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The method of claim 9, wherein the step of creating the device link page includes the steps of:

- retrieving a device ICON image from one of the one or more devices;
- creating a device button based on the device ICON image; and
- storing the device button in the device link page.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The method of claim 9, wherein the step of creating the device link page includes the steps of:

- retrieving a device LOGO image from one of the one or more devices;
- creating a manufacturer device button based on the device LOGO image; and

storing the manufacturer device button in the device link page.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The method of claim 9, wherein the step of associating a hyper-text link with each device button comprises the steps of:

retrieving a URL from a home device, wherein the URL is part of a property file associated with the home device; and

associating the URL with the device button that is associated with the home device.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The method of claim 15, wherein the step of storing the manufacturer device button in the device link page includes the step of storing the manufacturer device button in a user-definable area of the device link page.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The method of claim 16, wherein the step of retrieving the URL from the home device includes the steps of retrieving the URL from the property file that is stored in the home device.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The method of claim 13, further comprising the steps of generating a device list file by:

detecting whether a device is connected to the home network;

associating a logical device name with the home device; and

storing the logical device name in the device list file.

Claim 20 (previously presented): A method for providing an interface for accessing home devices that are currently connected to a network, the method comprising the steps of:

creating a device link page from at least the network, wherein the device link page contains at least a device button for a device that is currently connected to the network, wherein creating the device link page further includes: (i) generating a device list file by detecting that a device is connected to the home network, associating a logical device name with the home device, and storing the logical device name in the device list file, and (ii) retrieving a logical device name from the device link file, storing the logical device name in the device link page, and converting the logical device name to a device button;

associating a hyper-text link with each device button, wherein the hyper-text link provides a link to graphical or textual information that is contained in the device that is associated with the device button; and

displaying the device link page on a display device;

periodically refreshing the device list file by: autonomously detecting that a home device is currently connected to the home network, associating a logical device name with the home device, and storing the logical device name in the device list file.